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HENDERSON.—Seeding in Sibley county is finished, and the ground for corn-planting is in progress; the ground for oats unchanged. A lack of suitable seedmen is complained of.

LAKE CITY.—Most of the Wabasha County farmers remained their seedmen last week. The wheat, barley, oats and corn acreage will be about the same as 1882.

LE SUEUR.—Both wheat and oat-sowing had been completed in Le Sueur County by the 5th inst. The fields are already green with late as well as early-sown wheat.

LITCHFIELD.—Only a small proportion of seeding remains to be done in Meeker County, and much of that is now above ground and doing well. Thousands of acres are being seeded to tame grasses this spring, farmers realizing that stock-raising and dairy products afford the surest rewards of industry.

MANKATO.—Wheat in this Blue Earth County has been up for some time and is doing splendidly; the same farmers have planted their corn, but most of them are waiting for warmer weather.

MINNEOTA.—The farmers of this Lyon county have nearly finished their seeding. Never before has the country been so excellent a condition for a good crop now. The land was well ploughed last fall, a larger area has been sown, and the prospect could not be brighter. Considerable corn and flax as well as wheat are being cultivated.

MONTEVIDEO.—The spring has been cold and moist. In Chippewa County, but the seeding has all been done. The wheat acreage is 10 per cent larger than in 1882.

NORTHERN.—Wheat-sowing in Rice County is over, and the first sown grain is up and looking well. Farmers are now busy preparing their corn-ground, and a good deal of this cereal will be planted this month.

OWATONNA.—The growth has been retarded somewhat by cold and damp weather. Corn-planting has scarcely begun, owing to the cold, damp condition of the soil. This is not considered a corn year, yet if warm weather comes soon a large amount will be planted.

PRINCETON.—In Mille Lacs County wheat is all sown and oats are nearly all in likewise. Farming is backward for this season.

RICHFIELD.—Except upon late-ploughed land all the small grains in Olmsted County have been sown. More land is in pasture this year than ever before and less in wheat; many farmers simply raising enough for bread. A large acreage of oats and barley is in, and some are even more than in any year past. Early-sown grain is up and in good shape. Church-bells, an almost universal pest to rodents in years past, are almost unheard of this spring.

SHAKOPEE.—Seeding has been finished in Scott County. Prairie farmers had completed their work by April 28, but in the woods many did not finish until the middle of last week.

STILLWATER.—Very little wheat is raised in Washington County, and what is to be raised has all been sown. The same may be said of oats. Corn will be planted as fast as the weather, until now not as favorable as could be desired, will permit.

ST. CLOUD.—Seeding in Stearns County is all but finished. Nearly all-sown corn as wheat has been put in. The ground is in a good state for working.

ST. VINCENT (Red River Valley).—This is generally pronounced the best favored spring for agriculture in the State. The soil has been sown, and the first half of the basin of the river has not been interrupted in their seeding by the high water, while on the Dakota side many miles of arable land have been inundated. Only a small portion of the work of seeding remains to be done.

WILMARD.—Farmers are still sowing in Kandiyohi County; last week's wheat-sowing is about half done, and the same has been sown, but not yet sown in the south. Oats and other cereals have not been interrupted in their seeding by the high water, while on the Dakota side many miles of arable land have been inundated.

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